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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): LEGER et al.

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For: IMAGING ELLIPSOMETRY

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 13, 27, and 35. The amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims are provided in Appendix A).

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1. (Twice Amended) An ellipsometer apparatus for use in providing an image of at least a portion of a sample, the ellipsometer apparatus comprising:
an objective lens having a focal plane at which a sample plane of the sample is positioned;